

Remarks

Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to better clarify the claims. Claims 22-32 have been canceled. No new matter has been entered. Claims 1-21 remain in the application.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with this Response. Consideration of the cited references and acknowledgment on the record is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 (Group I) and Claims 22-32 (Group II) are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicant elects Group I without traverse. Claims 1-21 read on the elected species. Claims 22-32 have been canceled without prejudice in favor of filing a divisional patent application.

Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter

Respectfully submitted,

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